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Lewis County Coroner's Office Scheduled Autopsy

The Lewis County Coroner's Office will be conducting a post examination on the deceased man from the fatal shooting. The autopsy is scheduled for March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Lewis County Coroner's Office. The Lewis County Coroner's Office will release the deceased mans' name, per their policy and protocol.

The investigation is ongoing by a multi-agency Critical Incident Investigation Team (CIIT) and the involved deputies will remain on administrative leave per agency policy.

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Lewis County Deputies Involved In a Fatal Shooting of a Wanted Subject

On March 3, 2019 at about 1:14 a.m., a Deputy and Reserve Deputy were together patrolling the east end of Lewis County. The deputies located a suspicious vehicle that was occupied, parked at a dead end in the 100 block of Rainey Creek Road, Glenoma.

Deputies made contact with the sole occupant of the vehicle and checked the mans driving status. The man contacted returned with a no bail felony warrant out of Pierce County for Rape in the Child First Degree and two counts of Child Molestation 2nd degree.

The man was still in the vehicle when they received the notification of the felony warrant. As deputies requested the man to step out of the vehicle to take him in custody on the felony warrant, the man brandished and pointed a weapon at the deputies.

Both deputies fired their duty weapons at the man, to end the threat. Aid was rendered on the man, but he was later pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel.

The investigation into this shooting is being investigated by a multi-agency Critical Incident Investigation Teams (CIIT). CIIT is comprised of investigators from Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific Counties, and the Washington State Patrol.

The deputy and the reserve deputy involved will be placed on administrative leave per investigative protocol while the investigation continues.

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